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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Arthur J. Blume, et al

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For: METHODS OF IDENTIFYING THE ACTIVITY OF GENE PRODUCTS

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of January 29, 2003, for which a response period of three months was set. Applicants have petitioned herewith and paid the appropriate fee for a one (1) month extension of time, extending the date of response up to and including May 29, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.